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Jersey City To Launch Veteran's Justice Initiative with Resource Day at Municipal Court, Enhancing Direct Connection to Social Services for Jersey City Veterans

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop, alongside the **Municipal Court - Community Solutions** office, **Office of the Municipal Prosecutor**, and the **Department of Health and Human Services**, have collaborated to offer a monthly Veterans Resource Day on-site at the Municipal Court to assist in linking military service members to veteran-specific services. Through the Veteran's Justice Initiative, the monthly event aims to reach any veteran community member, specifically those who are court-involved.

In conjunction with the Resource Day, The Jersey City Office of the Municipal Prosecutor has launched the Veterans Diversion Program (VDP) in Jersey City. Under the VDP, eligible service member who are charged with certain qualifying offenses may be eligible for diversion to rehabilitative treatment in lieu of the traditional criminal prosecution. The authority for the VDP is codified in N.J.S.A. 2C:43-23 – 31, and in Jersey City is possible in large part through collaboration with Jersey City Community Solutions.

“The Veterans Justice Initiative further connects Jersey City’s veterans directly to resources, such as housing programs, education and healthcare, to help alleviate the stresses of reacclimating into society,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “As a deployed Marine Corps veteran myself, I’m beyond proud of the services, resources and recognition we continue to provide for our Jersey City veterans.”

The goal of the Veteran's Justice Initiative is to connect military service members to social services that can assist in addressing the lingering impact of combat. Services for housing, healthcare, legal, education, and employment, will be available on a regular, monthly basis for the veteran community to access. Staff from HHS's Veterans Affairs will be present to assist veterans with service linkages, as well as representatives from the Veterans Administration, Office of the Municipal Prosecutor, NJ Department of Labor, local universities, and housing and healthcare organizations. Assistance with obtaining a DD214 card and military discharge paperwork will be offered on-site.

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